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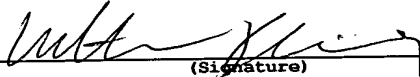
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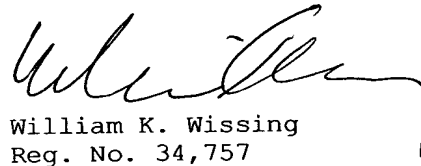
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to
extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2001 for
one(1) month(s) from April 6, 2001 to May 6, 2001. An Amendment responding to
the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH1432/WKW in the name of
Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this
Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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